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**AMENDMENT A & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED DECEMBER 11, 2003**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by March 11, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, extending the response date to May 11, 2003. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.